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## REPORTS PROGRESS ON P'YONGAN NAMDO IRRIGATION PROJECTS

The P'yongan Namdo irrigation project is a shining example of another significant achievement for continuing prosperity in the People's Republic of Korea. This project was begun about 14 months ago with the construction of a number of water-storage basins along the upper reaches of the Taedong River to irrigate a vast area in P'yongan Namdo. Now, there are 64 water gates of varying sizes under construction.

By 25 November 1949, the workers had completed their quota, and by the end of December, they had surpassed the quota 20.5 percent. Since the initiation of this project, farmers in P'yongan Namdo and Pukto and in Chagang Do have patriotically contributed their services in quarry digging, in tunnel construction, and in dirt moving. To date, more than 1,900,000 farmers have contributed such patriotic labor. The working masses are determined to make it possible to complete the irrigation project by the end of 1951. The technical assistance given by the Soviet engineers on concrete construction work is greatly appreciated.

The construction work on Yonp'ung Dam (No 2) which will irrigate an area of 1,500 chongbo /one chongbo equals 2.45 acres/ in Anju is nearing completion. Construction work on dams No 3, 4, and 5, which will be capable upon completion of irrigating an area of 2,200 chungbo, is also progressing satisfactorily, and the work on dams No 7 and 8 is in the preparatory stage. Volunteer laborers and farmers in Chagang Do P'yongan Pukto and Hwanghae Do are working with fervent patriotism. During the winter months, volunteer stone masons worked indoors to produce a sufficient quantity of construction materials for the dam. . All of the above irrigation dam projects are expected to be completed by the end of 1951, and the total area to be irrigated would be capable of producing about 53,000 tons of grain a year.

A group of Soviet technical experts headed by geological expert Bokorezky Russian names are approximations has given considerable aid in this project. For example, Civil Engineer Sakalnov, in an effort to produce the best possible concrete construction work, is now engaged in testing the water in the Ch'ongch'on and Taedong rivers. In the meantime, he is studying the characteristics of

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various grades of sands, gravel, and cement. Bokorezky has been directing the thirdy of geological formations of the irrigation project site to bring about the most efficient irrigation system. Chaduvolnov checks construction equipments for efficient performance and Sakalnov attends to electric motors used in the construction work. The Soviet engineers not only have generously contributed their efforts in the irrigation project but also have done much in training Korean industrial specialists during the winter months.

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